

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mrs. Myra W. Lewis, Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Verna H. Phillips, Mr. Jeffrey A. Utley, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr. and Mr. Robert Brantley met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk, Ms. Rushe Hudzinski-Sero, Human Resources Director, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mrs. Vera Jones, Ms. Lillie Smart-Brown, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mrs. Tera Marsh, Mrs. Bonnie Horne, Ms. Lydia Luke, Ms. Connie Burns, Mrs. Wanda Price, Mr. Delmons White, Ms. Cynthia Saturday, and Mr. James Swindleon.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Vice-Chairperson Lewis gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

County Administrator Crawley requested to add New Business 11 – Consideration to authorize the Chairman to execute a letter to Judge Turner concerning the use of funds allocated to Drug Court and New Business 12 – Consideration to approve an Assemblage Permit for Katie Ward to hold a Homecoming Parade down Hwy 119 on October 14, 2010.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the Agenda Resolution with the addition of New Business Number 11 and 12 (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Zeigler stated that all correspondence for the Board of Commissioners is kept in the County Clerk's office. Anyone who is interested in viewing these may do so in the County Clerk's office.

MINUTES

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 07, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Zeigler stated that if anyone would like to discuss an Agenda Item, they may do so when that item is presented.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE OPTION LONG TERM CARE THROUGH MERILL LYNCH (01): Human Resources Director Hudzinski-Sero stated that through the Merrill Lynch employee survey at the 2010 Compensation and Benefits expo in July 2010, employees indicated interest in obtaining Long Term Care coverage options. Merrill Lynch researched options for the County employee structure and is able to provide this option through the subsidiary of Metropolitan Life at a 20% premium discount without adding additional fees for the County. Coverage would be elected by the employee and paid for by the employee. The policy can move with the individual if they should leave their position. Offering implementation is dependent upon a minimum of approximately 15 participants.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve additional supplement insurance option of Long Term care through Merrill Lynch. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA FOR THE DISPATCH EQUIPMENT AT EFFINGHAM 911 CENTER (02): Public Safety Coordinator Wright explained that the dispatch equipment warranty has expired. The agreement is essential to ensure the proper operation of the dispatch system.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve a service agreement with Motorola for the dispatch equipment at Effingham 911 Center (see minute book page _____). Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING TO THE OUTDOOR WATER USE ORDINANCE (03): County Engineer Liotta explained that in 2004, the Board passed a model ordinance for outdoor water use, as required by the State. Since the General Assembly recently passed the Georgia Water Stewardship Act, the County is required to update the Outdoor Water Use Ordinance. The Water Stewardship Act allows daily outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the EPD. Outdoor water use for any purposes other than watering of plants, such as power washing or washing cars, is still restricted to the current odd/even watering schedule.

No objectors were present for the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the First Reading of the Outdoor Water Use Ordinance. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO RELEASE THE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR GRASSING AND INGRASTRUCTURE FOR HONEY RIDGE SUBDIVISION, FINAL PHASE (04): County Engineer Liotta explained that Mr. Lake Carter of Peoples State Bank & Trust requests release of the grassing and infrastructure letter of credit for Honey Ridge Subdivision off of Honey Ridge Road. Effingham County Public Works has completed a final inspection and has recommended that the letter of credit for grassing and erosion in the amount of \$11,544 and the infrastructure bond in the amount of \$80,670 be released.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve releasing the letter of credit for grassing and infrastructure for Honey Ridge Subdivision, Final Phase. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A DESIGN TEAM TO BEGIN DESIGNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (05): Project Manager Kobek explained that for some time an environmental education center has been discussed, it has been budgeted this year from Special Local Option Sales Tax funds. This facility would serve as the new offices of the Sanitation Department. To assist the County Commissioners in making a decision, three design teams were invited to make presentations on the work involved, each made a presentation to the Board at the September 7th meeting. Teams were given basic parameter and asked to provide the County with concept plans for an Environmental Education Center with outdoor classroom, new site plan with off loading improvement and recycling pole barn. Each of the teams proposals are only concepts, plans can be changed by the County to make additions, change, etc. The request for proposal is the beginning point for an integrated design process, where the owner and designer and eventually a contractor are involved with each step of the building process.

Mrs. Ruth Lee explained her concerns on the Environmental Education Center.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve Kern & Coleman as the design team for the Environmental Education Center. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Commissioner Utlely opposed the motion. Chairman Zeigler, Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Loper, and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO GEORGIA PACIFIC FOR DONATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OLD AUGUSTA ROAD PHASE IIA (06): County Administrator Crawley explained that Effingham County is nearing completion of the acquisition of right-of-way for the construction of Old Augusta Road Phase IIA. Donation of property is encouraged, especially when the proposed project provides significant economic development potential. Effingham County currently follows the Federal right-of-way acquisition process. Georgia Pacific is donating .494 of an acre of right of way for the construction of Old Augusta Road.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve a letter of appreciation to Georgia Pacific for donation of right of way for construction of Old August Road, Phase IIA. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TWO WORK ORDERS FOR MORELAND ALTOBELLI FOR OLD AUGUSTA PHASE I AND II (07): County Administrator Crawley explained that during the course of the Old Augusta Road design, the standards for erosion control plans has changed substantially since the conception of the project. Additional work was completed to comply with new changes on Phase I and the County has paid for these additional services. Additional work to comply with the new standards for Phase II is now needed to comply with the new changes.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve two work orders for Moreland Altobelli for Old August Phase I and II (see minute book page ___). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PUT SIGNS IN D.O.T. RIGHT OF WAY FOR 2010 GA FORESTRY AND NATIONAL FORESTRY WINNER ELLA MARSH (08): County Clerk Crawley explained Ella Marsh has won the 2010 State and National Forestry pageant. She is the first person from Effingham County in 71 years to win the State Forestry pageant. The signs have been requested to be placed at the county line at Effingham/Chatham and Effingham/Screven line. The Georgia Department of Transportation has not given permission for the signs to be placed in their right of way. The signs will not cost the County anything except installation.

Mrs. Tera Marsh would like to just put the two signs on one post at the Effingham/Chatham line at SR 21.

County Administrator Crawley explained that the sign would be better maintained and protected if it was placed in the County right of way at the corner of Old Augusta and Hwy 21.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve the request to put the signs in the County right of way on one post at the corner of Old Augusta and Hwy 21

with the stipulation that if the sign starts to deteriorate that it will be taken down and given to the family of Ella Marsh. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler opposed the motion. Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Utey, Commissioner Loper, and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA MCDANIEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICE BOARD (09): County Clerk Crawley explained that Linda McDaniel has represented District Two for the past several years on the Department of Family and Children Service Board. The role of a board member is to be a link between the County Department of Family and Children Services and the local community. The term of the Board is for five years and Ms. McDaniel is willing to serve again.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the reappointment of Linda McDaniel to the Department of Family and Children Service Board. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ASSEMBLAGE PERMIT FOR ALBERT JACKSON TO HOLD A TURKEY SHOOT AT 187 CHURCH ROAD, SPRINGFIELD (10): County Clerk Crawley explained that Albert Jackson has requested an assemblage permit to hold a turkey shoot September 24th through January 14th on Friday and Saturdays starting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jackson has held a turkey shoot at this location for the past several years without any complaints.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve an assemblage permit for Albert Jackson to hold a turkey shoot at 187 Church Road, Springfield. Commissioner Utey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER TO JUDGE TURNER CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DRUG COURT (11): County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board provided funding for the establishment, operation, and treatment associated with the Drug Court program administered by Judge Turner, Superior Court Judge, Ogeechee Judicial Circuit. Judge Turner recently attended continuing education in reference to drug court programs and is able

to receive reimbursement for travel expenditures. In order to receive reimbursement, Judge Turner is required to provide a letter stating that funding for travel is not available. As referenced above funding was provided for the establishment, operation, and treatment associated with the program and was not allocated toward travel. A letter stating this is necessary for Judge Turner to receive reimbursement.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve a letter to Judge Turner concerning the use of funds allocated to Drug Court. Commissioner Utey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDRATION TO APPROVE AN ASSEMBLAGE PERMIT FOR KATIE WARD TO HOLD A HOMECOMING PARADE DOWN HWY 119 ON OCTOBER 14, 2010 (12):

County Administrator Crawley explained that since the kids were not in school on October 14th, that Katie Ward would like to hold a homecoming parade down Hwy 119 at 6:00 p.m. The parade would start at the Recreation Department and end at the Effingham County High School. Since Hwy 119 is a State Route, DOT will have to give their approval.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve an assemblage permit for Katie Ward to hold a homecoming parade down Hwy 119 on October 14th with the stipulation that D.O.T. approves and that the Sheriff's Department will handle traffic control. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Hospital Contract Committee – Phillips/Loper/Brantley
- ◆ Update of the State of the Port address
- ◆ Update of the meeting with D.O.T. Commissioner Vance Smith

Civil Engineer Allen discussed the following:

- ◆ Drainage issue at Shellie Helmey Road
- ◆ Drainage issue at Woodmen of the World
- ◆ Gateway grant

County Engineer Liotta discussed the following:

- ◆ Water and Sewer projects

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Insurance Committee – Loper/Brantley
- ◆ Ethics Ordinance Committee – Zeigler/Brantley
- ◆ GEFA update

- ◆ Workshop/retreat
- ◆ Courthouse tree

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:44 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property, and pending litigation. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Crawley and Commissioners discussed property and pending litigations. (See copy of Chairperson's affidavit on minute book page number _____).

PLANNING BOARD PRESENTMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

CYNTHIA SATURDAY – PUBLIC HEARING (01): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Cynthia Saturday for a variance located at 1200 Low Ground Road to allow for a camper as a dwelling unit Map 393 Parcel 10 in the Second District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request.

No objectors were present.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the First Reading to amend Map 393 Parcel 10 by Cynthia Saturday for a variance located at 1200 Low Ground Road to allow for a camper as a dwelling unit with the following stipulations:

1. The camper shall only be used as a temporary residence on 1200 Low Ground Road for Cynthia Saturday's dad.
2. The camper must pass inspection by the Building and Environmental Health Departments.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY ZONING MAP – PUBLIC HEARING (02): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Effingham County to amend the Zoning Map for Effingham County.

No objectors were present.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the First Reading to amend the Zoning Map for Effingham County. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:11 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk